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JAKI BYARD, fresh from a long engagement at Dom's in Manhattan, currently the hottest spot in The Great City, will be guest of HJS at its November meeting -- Sunday, the 6th (8 PM, Jonathan Temple, 700 Blue Hills Avenue). If you've heard and seen Jaki at previous HJS affairs, you'll wish to do it again; if you haven't, treat yourself to one of the finest and most versatile of today's jazzmen. With Jaki will be CLIFF JORDAN, tenor saxophonist formerly with the Horace Silver Quintet, known to record collectors through his recorded performances with J. J. Johnson, Max Roach and Sonny Stitt.

JOE NEWMAN, as predicted, was an immense success at the October meeting. An excellent musician, his trumpeting showed why he has been chosen by such bandsmen as Basie, Goodman and Hampton. Ross Tompkins, whom he brought with him as pianist, made even more HJS friends than he'd had before. (Thanks are also due Walter Vaught and Al Mell for a demonstration of stereo tapes.) Present were 31 members, 42 guests.

COMMUNITY ART CENTER, INC. is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily toward realization of its dream of a center for the amateur cultural organizations of Greater Hartford. HJS is one of the subscribers. Others include the Mark Twain Masquers, Conn. Opera Company, Conn. Academy of Fine Arts, Hartford Stage Company, Sweet Adelines and the Simsbury Light Opera.

"JAZZ INTERACTIONS", an organization of which Rev. John Gensel (Broadway's Jazz Minister") is one of the leaders, anticipates a convention of jazz groups similar to HJS. Representatives of HJS will meet with New York City and Philadelphia groups in Manhattan on Saturday, November 5th. If you wish to join the Hartford representatives and attend the meeting, let George Cohen know. His 'phone: 242-6886.

"CONCERN," the Litchfield County group financing a scholarship fund, has, through HJS, engaged Bobby Johnson's Band for the dance it is holding Saturday evening, November 26th at Mohawk Ski Lodge in Cornwall. A number of HJS members intend to be present. To get there, take Route 4, through Torrington, to Goshen.

A PIANO is now owned by HJS. It was given the Society by a generous lady, Mrs. David A. Wilson, who with her husband has removed from Hartford to take up permanent residence in Washington, D.C.

MISCELLANY: Johnny Birchard ("Golden Sound of Jazz," WCCC nightly), while honeymooning in San Francisco, visited Randy Weston, performing there. Randy wished to be remembered to "my good friends of the Jazz Society in Hartford."...Bessye Proffitt is still in Hartford Hospital, but will be released as a healthy, hearty Bessye within two or three weeks. Write to her or drop in for a visit...The Lenox Theater on Albany Avenue is planning a series of Big Name concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings. More on this forthcoming...The news from Phyllis and Jerry Gordon (now at KXOA in Sacramento, California) is that they have welcomed a little stranger, name of Lee David Gordon (7 lbs., 9 ozs.)...There's good jazz to be heard from the Joe Greco Quartet at Joey's Club, Brown St. and Maple Ave., from 5 to 9 PM on Sundays...The Greater Hartford Jazz Association, Inc. plans six concerts (in the Hartford Stage Company playhouse), to begin Monday, November 14. HJS member, George Malcolm-Smith will be master of ceremonies. This group includes a number of HJS friends. President is Probate Judge Jim Kinsella (pianist in his own right); vice president is Ray Cassarino; secretary, Connie Braithwaite; membership chairman, Elaine Shlomborg. As Jack Guckin of WTIC-TV and a wheel of the Conn. Traditional Jazz Club says, "Anybody who promotes jazz deserves support."

"I've got the world in a jug and got the stopper in my hand." (Old Refrain)